



Bill Horn's

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5th District Supervisor, County of San Diego

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Building a better North County - the Summer of 2002

Five months after the Gavilan fire in Fallbrook, our community has been strengthened as never before. The rebuilding continues with a new sense of resolve. Our homes are being better defended and protected.

In this issue of News & Reviews, you'll see that the State finally responded to our demands for increased fire protection. This comes as we enter the most dangerous fire season in 150 years.

I'm pleased to report advances in local law enforcement, public health, housing, and exciting news about our library system. Our county has also received 14 awards from the National Association of Counties for "responsible, responsive and effective county government." Programs honored included a "Best of Category" award for the county's effort in selling the rights to annual payments from the national tobacco litigation settlement in return for a lump sum of cash. The money will fund County health



Fun with balloons at the Foster Family picnic held at Green Oak Ranch in Vista on May 18.

programs. I am particularly proud of the award for the Child Assessment Network-North. CANN began with my vision to have a North County Receiving Center for abused children. We were transporting children to Polinsky Center, miles south of us. This involved hundreds of hours of commute time for law enforcement and Children's Services workers. With the help of Nick Macchione and county staff, the dream has become reality. CANN so far has succeeded in placing 72% of abused or

neglected North County children with relatives or foster families in their community. Other awards went for the county's energy management, domestic violence response, stormwater cleanup efforts and the homeless court program.

That good news is tempered with questions of what Governor Davis and legislators will do with the state budget. While the County of San Diego has worked to craft a balanced

budget, the state is facing a budget deficit of nearly \$25 billion. We know the state can tap into county property tax revenues, something it did during budget shortfalls ten years ago.

Most likely, there will be reductions in county services and further cuts may be made after the Nov. 5 state election. We can weather a \$30 million to \$40 million storm for one year, but if it's any bigger, we'll have to make some difficult cuts to ensure that the County remains financially sound.



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Happy Birthday America!

This month we celebrate our nation's 226th birthday. While that's a lot of candles to blow out, the flame of liberty

burns brightly. The fuel for the flame remains America's deep commitment to faith, freedom, military strength,

opportunity, respect and family values.

Last year President George W. Bush gave his July 4 speech in Philadelphia. He reminded us that when the Liberty Bell rang to announce the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, freedom was a revolutionary idea. Two months after President Bush spoke, terrorists attacked our nation. Their murderous acts confirm that freedom will always be a revolutionary idea for tyrants.

Today, thousands of our Navy, Marine, Army and Air Force personnel are deployed at the forefront of Operation Enduring Freedom. Our prayers are with them and their families.

America is 226 years young, America is one nation, UNDER GOD and free. America is Semper Fi.

**"Bind up the broken-hearted,
proclaim liberty and freedom."
Isaiah 61:1**

Horn's Headlines

New Sheriff's Substation Opens in Valley Center

Up and running. That describes Valley Center's new \$1.5 million Sheriff's substation that was dedicated June 27.

"We got rid of the leaky roof and the vermin," said Supervisor Horn. "Now deputies have a facility where they can better serve the community—a place for chasing criminals instead of rats and mice."

Supervisor Horn, Sheriff Bill Kolender and Lieutenant Maury Freitas joined others for the grand opening of the state of the art 6,000-square-foot facility on 2.6 acres of land.

The new substation is next to the Valley Center Fire Station, replacing a broken-down, doublewide trailer that was used since 1990. The substation is home to 20 deputies and one secretary. There are two sergeant offices, the lieutenant's office and men and women's locker rooms adjacent to the core open space. The facility includes a separate break room with kitchen along with rooms for evidence, report writing and interviewing. There are three holding cells and two covered, fenced dog quarters.

"Over the years, more people have moved to Valley Center," said Horn. "That added to deputies' responsibilities, however our facility didn't keep pace. Nonetheless, deputies never wavered in their duty. Now they have a station worthy of their professionalism. We've also allowed for future growth."

The new facility has a community room that the public can reserve for meetings and other purposes. In the event of an emergency, it can serve as a command center for fire and police services.



Cutting the Ribbon: Left to right: Sheriff Bill Kolender, Nikki Lovejoy, President Valley Center Chamber of Commerce, 5th District Supervisor Bill Horn.



County employees joined Supervisor Horn and his staff for prayer and fellowship on the National Day of Prayer.

National Day of Prayer Observed ~ County Employees Rally 'Round the Flag to Pray

At noon on May 2, county employees joined Supervisor Horn at the County Administration Center flagpole for a time of reflection on the National Day of Prayer.

"For years, I've come under fire for my support of the National Day of Prayer," said Horn. "I thank God we have the freedom to pray."

The first national call to prayer came in 1775 from the Continental Congress. Today with the blessing of the U.S. Supreme Court, all State legislatures open their session with prayer. Presidents, including Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush have honored and encouraged national prayer.

"It was an honor to be part of something that was happening throughout America," said Horn.

Sheriff's Contracts Renewed In San Diego County

An overwhelming vote of confidence was given the San Diego County Sheriff's Department by County supervisors. The Board unanimously agreed to renew all agreements between the Sheriff's Department, nine cities and unincorporated areas of the county. Fifth District cities and communities include Vista, San Marcos, Fallbrook, Valley Center, Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, Pauma Valley and Borrego Springs.

"Sheriff Kolender and his team have demonstrated continued professional service," said Supervisor Horn. "The contract renewals validate the public safety and cost-effective benefits of having the Sheriff provide law enforcement."

New Fallbrook library approved

Fallbrook's cultural and educational needs took a giant leap forward with the approval of land acquisition and construction of a 16,500 square feet, \$5.4 million library.

"The new library will double the size of the current facility," said Supervisor Horn. "It has been a long, difficult challenge to find the right site. Now it's great to say 'Mission Accomplished.'"

Funding for the library will be from the Proposition 14 Bond Act that provides money for new replacement libraries. The remaining 35% will come from a match from fund-raising by the community. "This project could not have been successful without incredible work by the Friends of the Library, county employees and my staff," said Horn. "They helped overcome many complications." The new library will be on land bordered by Mission Road, Alvarado Street, Fig Street and Main Avenue.



Supervisor Horn toured the new Valley Center Library facility with construction overseer Thomas W. Clark, II of R.D.K. Consulting, Inc. The library is scheduled to open its doors in November.

Valley Center library coming soon

Seven months after the cornerstone dedication, the Valley Center Branch Library and History Museum are on track for opening on time in the Fall. The library and museum, with a combined size of more than 15,000 square feet on four acres, offer a spectacular view of Valley Center from a hilltop at Cole Grade Road and Horse Creek Trail.

"The library and museum will be a great addition to Valley Center," said Supervisor Horn who was given a tour of the construction site late last month. "Gerry Slusser and all of the Friends of the Valley Center Library have done a marvelous job working with County Library Director, Marilyn Crouch and County staff and engineers to help make this happen."

The \$4.4 million dollar library was funded by the County of San Diego, while the history museum was made possible with a \$250,000 donation from Abbe Stutz and Louis Wolfsheimer in memory of Abbe's parents Colonel and Mrs. Irving Salomon.

Child Abuse Prevention Foundation honored

Supervisor Horn presented a proclamation to Dierdre Kleske in honor of Child Abuse Prevention month. The Child Abuse Prevention Foundation helped initiate the Protecting Children On-Line Safety Campaign to increase parents' awareness of dangers children may be exposed to on the Internet.

"The Child Abuse Prevention Foundation's mission is to protect our most precious and vulnerable resource, the children of our community," said Supervisor Horn. "Foundation members serve with selfless dedication."

Last year, the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation created the TEAM10 Foster Fund and awarded \$43,000 in education scholarships to 10 former foster children. The 2002 TEAM10 Foster Fund is expected to be twice that amount.

The Child Abuse Prevention Foundation raised \$6 million toward the opening of San Pasqual Academy, a facility for high school students. The amount raised exceeded fundraising goals by \$1 million.



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Club Drug Task Force action plan moves forward

Supervisors gave unanimous approval to the San Diego Prevention Coalition's Club Drug Task Force public awareness campaign action plan. At the recommendation of Supervisor Horn and Sheriff Kolender, a concentrated attack is being waged against drugs like Ecstasy. Educational videos for middle and high school age youth have been produced along with 200,000 youth-centered Club Drug study guides to be given out with the videos. Five Club Drug awareness public service announcements have been produced. Materials can be obtained by calling the Club Drug Task Force at 619-557-6644.

"Since our Club Drug Task Force was formed," said Horn, "Assembly Bill 2300, sponsored by Assemblywoman Pat Bates is moving forward which would change Ecstasy to a Schedule II narcotic."

Honoring foster families

Foster mothers Patty Boles (rt) and Nadiene Sahagun of Straight from the Heart resale shop of San Marcos received a proclamation from Supervisor Horn at May 18th's Foster Family picnic. Foster parents Howard and Neomi Maxley received the Starfish Award.



County Fire Protection Gains Made As Explosive Fire Season Looms

Supervisor Horn's co-sponsorship and lobbying efforts in Sacramento in favor of Senator Bill Morrow's bill to have the State provide year-round fire protection to Southern California helped bring the long-sought after designation. The California Department of Forestry has also sent a San Diego-based firefighting helicopter, five refurbished engines and 87 firefighters for the San Diego unit.

"One of our priorities with the Community Projects funds available, was to help our local volunteer firefighters," said Horn. "We've given about a million dollars to local fire districts, including \$100,000 to the Sunshine Summit Fire Protection District for the purchase of a light rescue vehicle and \$30,000 to the Ranchita Fire Protection District for new protection gear and equipment."

Major Road Projects Approved

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) has approved funds from its Regional Arterial STIP program for North County transportation projects. The program was created upon the recommendation of Supervisor Horn last year. More than \$22 million in state and federal funds will be used for the following improvements:

- Rancho Santa Fe Road from Island Drive to Melrose Drive in San Marcos
- A new interchange at Las Posas Road and Highway 78 in San Marcos
- South Santa Fe Avenue from Montgomery Lane to Smilax Road in the Unincorporated County
- El Camino Real from Via de la Valle to San Dieguito Road in San Diego

More Attainable Housing for San Marcos Paseo del Oro Opens

The sound of Mariachi music was mixed with applause as residents, developers and San Marcos City officials celebrated the opening of more attainable housing in North County. Paseo del Oro at 432 W. Mission Road has 98 low-income apartments, 22 units that rent at market rate and 23,000 square feet of retail space. Monthly apartment rents will range from \$307 to \$732

Supervisor Horn praised the determination of those who began rebuilding the Richmar neighborhood in the early 1990's and making it a safe place to live. "Paseo del Oro is an example of sensible growth where high



Supervisor Horn received the **Champion of Affordable Housing Award** from Southern California Housing Development Corporation's CEO., former Senator John Seymour.

Fifth District previews . . .

- Summer construction of new sidewalks in Fallbrook
- Construction or renovation of bus stops for North County Transit District
- Renovation and improvement of facilities for Boys and Girls Club of Oceanside

density housing is built along transportation corridors. People like Mayor Corky Smith, Vice Mayor Pia Harris-Ebert and Councilman Hal Martin have shown how a city can turn headaches into homes."

County Adopts Chaplaincy Program

The Board approved Supervisor Horn's request to include a chaplaincy program as a regular part of the county's first response disaster strategy. The chaplaincy program consists of more than 300 members of the local clergy. These individuals are professionally pre-screened and trained to administer religiously neutral guidance and compassion toward those in need who work as law enforcement officers, Sheriff's deputies, firefighters, paramedics, and various hospital and medical personnel.

"This is another example of how faith-based services can be used successfully in helping people," said Horn.

Faith-based Initiatives are becoming part of the fabric of North County. This year, the County Health and Human Services Agency office in Oceanside now has six regional coordinators who are working with the local faith community to develop social programs close to home.

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